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Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 54/186

1. The present report is submitted pursuant to paragraph 18 of General Assembly resolution 54/186 of 17 December 1999, entitled "Situation of human rights in Myanmar", in which the Assembly requested me to continue my discussions with the Government of Myanmar in order to assist in the implementation of that resolution and to submit additional reports to the General Assembly during its fifty-fourth session on the progress of these discussions as well as to report to the Assembly during its fifty-fifth session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-sixth session.

2. The Commission will be aware from my report to the General Assembly (A/54/499) that my Special Envoy, Mr. Alvaro de Soto, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, visited Myanmar from 14 to 18 October 1999 and held consultations with Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council, Lieutenant-General Khin Nyunt, Minister for Foreign Affairs, U Win Aung, Minister in the Office of the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, Brigadier-General David Abel and Minister for Home Affairs, Colonel Tin Hlaing. He also held consultations with the members of the Central Executive Committee of the National League for Democracy, including its General Secretary Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and the representatives of various ethnic political parties and groups such as the New Mon State Party and the Kachin Independence Organization.

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3. Mr. de Soto assumed new responsibilities after completing his mission to Myanmar in October 1999, and I am in the process of appointing a new Special Envoy for Myanmar in his place. I expect the new Special Envoy to visit Myanmar shortly after his appointment to hold consultations with the relevant political leaders in the country. This will enable me to report to the General Assembly during its current session.